

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 7, 9-12, 18, 20-23, 29-34, 39 and 45-46, 49-52, 55-57, 60-62, 65-66 and 69-71 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 12, 23, 34 and 39 are independent claims. Claims 8, 19, 47-48, 53-54, 58-59, 63-64 and 67-68 are canceled by this Amendment.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicants note with appreciation the indication on page 6 of the Office Action that claims 8, 19 and 30 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Each of independent claims 1, 12, 23, 34 and 39 have been amended in this manner, and accordingly these claims and the claims dependent thereon should now be allowable. Acknowledgment of same is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Kim in view of Karlsson

Claims 1, 7-12, 18-23, 29-34, 39 and 45-71 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,286,558 (“Kim”) in view of U.S. Publication No. 2002/0057730 (“Karlsson”).

The Applicants believe the Examiner’s indication that claims 8, 19 and 30 are rejected in this section on Page 2 of the Office Action is a typographical error because (i) claims 8, 19 and 30 are indicated as allowable over Kim in view of Karlsson on Page 6 of the Office Action and (ii) claims 8, 19 and 30 are not discussed in the actual rejection between Pages 2-6 of the Office Action.

By the present Amendment, the Applicants have amended each of independent claims 1, 12, 23, 34 and 39 to include the allowable subject matter of claims 8, 19 and/or 30, and as such the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments contained herein, the Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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